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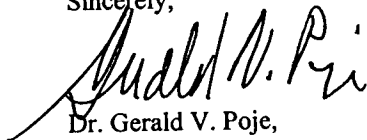
The Honorable Ted Stevens
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
S-128 Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20510-6025

Dear Mr. Chairman:


The Chair of the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, Dr. Paul L. Hill, Jr. has erred in transmitting the budget request for our agency in his letter of October 29, 1999. That request had not received the review and voting approval of a quorum of the board. Based upon information that we received after transmittal of the Chairman's letter, we have serious reservations about this budget estimate. On November 5, 1999 by a voting majority, the Board directed the Chairman to transmit a letter of retraction. He has not acceded to the Board's legal direction. Therefore, we ask that you disregard the Chairman's personal request for a FY 2001 budget of \$16,000,000.00 on behalf of our agency.

To the extent that the Chairman and Chief Operating Officer will answer our information requests, the full board will review our programmatic priorities and needs for FY 2001, and transmit a board approved budget request shortly. Notification to the Administration and Congress will be made in accordance with the directions in Section 112(r)(6)(R), of the Clean Air Act , 42 U.S. Code section 7412.

Sincerely,


Dr. Gerald V. Poje,
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cc: Paul L. Hill, Jr., Chairman